THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The firms have established export processing facility.

(b) and (c) A statement is attached. *[See* Appendix CXLIII Annexure No. 134].

(d) As of now the Government has been advised that there has been no violation of the conditions of Letters of Approvals.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No export has been affected by the units of these companies established in the Kandla Free Trade Zone, of items not manufactured by them.

Loss on Garment Exports

3593. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA;

SHRI YALLA SESI BHU-SHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is losing Rs. 1,000 crores In foreign exchange every year due to the wrong policies in the field of garment exports;

(b) if so, what are the details m this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the large exporters are wiping out the small exporters; and

(d) if so what steps are being taken by the Central Government to save the interests of the small exporters?

THE DEPUTY (MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

M/s Heinldmian India Ltd.

@3593-A. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Heinkhman India Ltd. have issued closure notice in regard to its unit located at Durgapur (W.B.) under Sub-Sec. (1) of Section 25 (0) of ID Act; and

(b) if so, what action Government of India propose to take to stall the move of the management to close down the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) and (b) The State Government of West Bengal is the appropriate Government, and information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases of Gas Leakage

@@3593-B. PROF. & LAKSHMAN NA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) the number of cases of gas leakage from the Chemical/Industrial plants since the Bhopal Gas tragedy till date; and

(b) the reasons for not takjng strict action against defaulters in this regard and for not implementing the guidelines to prevent such frequent gas leakages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PA. SANGMA): (a) A statement showing the number of gas leakages after the Bhopal Gas tragedy as furnished by the State Governments' Union Territory Administrations is' enclosed. (See below).

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(b) A number of State Governments have reported that stringent atcion is taken under the Factories Act, 1948 for violation of safety laws, particularly in case of gas leaks.

The Factories Act, 1948 has been amended recently in order to provide for special safeguards in regard to hazardous substances and *to* lay down emergency standards and measures. The penal provisions have also been made more stringent.

Statement

The Number of Cases of Gas Leakages after the Bhopal Gas Tragedy

Sate	No. of gas leakages
1. Himachal Pradesh	1*
2. Uttar Pradesh	11
3. Pondicherry	—
4. Manipur	—
5. Arunachal Pradesh	
6. Punjab	2
7. Andhra Pradesh	5
8. Sikkim	—
9. Jammu & Kashmir	
10 Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—
11. Kerala .	9
12. Gujarat	21
13. Assam	
14. Lakshadweep	
15. Rajasthan	6
16. Haryana	—
17. Orissa	12
18. Nagaland	
19. Bihar	6
20. Meghalaya	—
21. Mizoram	—
22. Delhi	2
23. Chandigarh	—

Non-hazardous category.

NOTE : Information in respect of Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, West Bengal, Daman and Diu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Maharashtra & G>a, is being collected.